

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 377

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Benny Bills upon his selection as Middle Tennessee Administrator of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life and education for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Sumner County Director of Schools Benny Bills, who was recently named Middle Tennessee Administrator of the Year by the Tennessee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Education Association serves as the State's largest professional education organization, representing more than 55,000 elementary and secondary teachers and school administrators; and

WHEREAS, the title of Middle Tennessee Administrator of the Year is a most befitting honor for Mr. Bills, as it recognizes the immeasurable contributions he has made to the people of Sumner County as a school director with superior standards of leadership and a deeply-rooted understanding of how to build and nurture community; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventy, Benny Bills has served as an educator for nearly fifty years and has worked with acumen as the Director of Schools since March of 2005; he stood as School Superintendent from 1976 until 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bills was nominated for the award by Mary Pappas on behalf the local teacher's union; Ms. Pappas, President of the Sumner County Education Association, cited Benny Bills's astute leadership and unwavering dedication to improving test scores and boosting teacher morale; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bills's co-workers describe him as a man who has worked hard to better the relationships between the teachers, administrators, parents, and citizens of Sumner County, refusing to let school politics deter him from his ultimate goal; and

WHEREAS, Benny Bills successfully oversees a district with forty-three schools and he will be recognized at the Tennessee Educational Association's annual awards luncheon on May 1, 2009, for his distinguished leadership, advocacy, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, an astute public servant who is devoted to the highest ideals of public service and education, Benny Bills epitomizes the commitment to excellence that is characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized for his tireless service to the Sumner County school district; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Benny Bills upon being named Middle Tennessee Administrator of the Year by the Tennessee Education Association, thank him for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.